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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 8/September, through Sunday, 15/September there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HM, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZL9, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3XY, GUINEA (**possibly 6W also**). Francois, VE2XO, informs OPDX that he will be again active from **Conakry** as **3XY6A** from **September 22-25th**. It is also possible that there may be activity from Dakar as **6W1RT** on **September 26th and 27th**. His focus is on RTTY, but with some SSB. Activity will be mainly on 20m, 17m and 15m. His equipment will be a TS-850SAT and an IC-706MKIIG with an Acom 1000 amplifier. Antennas will be a Force 12 Sigma-5 and Sigma-20. QSL via home call.

5Z, KENYA. Alex, **5Z4DZ**, has fixed the problem with his yagi and has now added **40 meters**

to his activity. Apparently, no more tower work is needed and the 80m Inverted L will go up shortly. He can now be active on all the bands he is permitted to work. He was spotted this past weekend on 24940, 14024 and 21024 kHz. QSL Manager Alex, PA1AW, has received the first logs and the first cards are out already. The logs will also become available on the Web shortly at: http://www.qsl.net/5z4dz/ Check out the Web site for more information about 5Z4DZ. The correct address for 5Z4DZ QSL is: Alex van Hengel, De Manning 15, 2995AE Heerjansdam, The Netherlands.

- **8N1, OGASAWARA ISLANDS**. Just a reminder that the commemorative DXpedition by the JARL (Japanese Amateur Radio League) to celebrate their **75th anniversary** will begin this week, starting **September 15th** (for about 6 months). Callsign will be **8N1OGA** and activity will be on all bands and modes. For more details, please refer to OPDX.576.
- **9 BAND ACHIEVEMENT**. David, VK3EW, informs OPDX that he has been chasing Ake, **5R8FU**, from Madagascar for some time now and has recently worked him on the 160 meter band, thus completing all 9 bands. Ake told David that he was the first station ever to achieve this with his station. Ake's QSL Manager, John, SM5DJZ, sent an E-mail to David telling him he has prepared some sort of award to be sent to him for this achievement. Congratulations to David, and what a nice jester by the QSL Manager.
- **9U, BURUNDI**. Baldur, DJ6SI, is currently active as **9U0X** until **September 20th or 21st**. His activity is mainly CW and was spotted on 7005, 10120, 14022, 18085, 21025 and 28025 kHz over the past weekend. Watch 10 meters between 1030-1400z and the other bands between 2030-0100z. QSL via his home callsign.
- C21, NAURU. Rex, VK8RH, will be active as C2RH until September 27th. His activty will be mainly on 6 meters, but he will also be on the HF bands. He will use a beam antenna on 6 meters and verticals on HF. His primary HF frequency will be 14260 kHz (SSB), and he will also monitor 50.110 MHz. Also, watch 18125 and 28885 kHz (+/- QRM). Rex has set up a 6m beacon (C21SIX, 25w to a dipole) on 50.038 MHz at his hotel, and this will stay in place when he leaves. Eventually the 6m antenna will be raised atop a decent sized tower. When he is operating on 6m he will switch off the beacon as it will interfere. If the beacon is not heard on 50.038 MHz, then try 50.110 MHz to see if Rex is there. If you miss him on this trip, he will return and be active again November 4-22nd. QSL via VK4AAR: Alan Roocroft, P.O. Box 421, Gatton 4343, Australia. Online logs and updates can be found on the Web at: http://www.users.on.net/rpearson/
- CN, MOROCCO. Jim, W7EJ, who recently announced that he would active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest as CN2R, now announces that he will also be active in the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 23-24, 2002) using the same callsign. His activity in the contest will be as Single Op/All Band entry. QSL via W7EJ.
- CV5, URUGUAY (Special Prefix). Luis, CX5UR, informs OPDX that the special callsign CV5Y will be used to activate "Merin Lake" from October 26th through November 3rd. No details were provided on "what" Merin Lake is or why a special callsign is being used. Hopefully, more details are forthcoming. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via EA5KB.

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports the following operations

are approved for DXCC credit:

- Myanmar XY3C, XY5T, XY7V, XY0TA, XY4KQ and XY3EZ (Operation dates: From August 1, 2002 to August 25, 2002)
- Afghanistan YA/G0TQJ (Operation dates: from April 30, 2002 to July 11, 2002)

E27, THAILAND. Champ, E21EIC/XW1IC, informs OPDX that the **youngest YL ham inside Thailand** has received her license. Her name is **Thanaporn (OIL) Longcharoen** and she is 8 years old. She just passed her VHF-license exam and received her callsign from PTD which is **E27ZI**. Her hobbies are Ham radio and Karaoke singing. Anyone looking for a QSO can contact her on 144.950 MHz. Her father is Pongprasert (Long) Longcharoen, HS2CRU, and her mother is Pitsamai (Toi), They live in SRIRACHA, Chonburi/THAILAND. The location is in the eastern part of Thailand about 100 km southeast of Bangkok. Thanaporn does have a Web page at: http://www.geocities.com/e27zi/

FO0, MARQUESAS ISLANDS. Hiroyuki/JI1JKW and Arihide/JI1WTF will be active as **FO0SAI** from **October 8-11th**. Activity will be on HF and 6 meters. QSL via home callsign.

FR, REUNION ISLAND. Look for Bernie, F6BLK, to be active as **FR/F6BLK** between **September 23-29th**. Most of his activity will be mainly CW but with some SSB. QSL via F6BLK either direct or through the bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

- AS-139. Look for the BI7DX IOTA-expedition team to be active from Weizhou Island which is located in the Gulf of Tongking in South China, between September 27th and October 4th. The team members will come from four provinces of China. The first group of the team members will be Alan/BA1DU, Zhang/BA6AP, Terry/BA7NQ, Liao/BA7QT, Chen/BD7NI, Wu/BD7QY, Li/BG7IEE, Liu/BG7OH, and they will land on the island September 27th. They expect to be active at 0800z. They plan to set up three stations using two Yagis, one vertical antenna and two linear amplifiers. The operations will be on SSB and CW modes on the normal IOTA frequencies from 40-10 meters, including the WARC bands. The second group of operators include Ken/BA1AJ, Jerry/BA1FB, Qin/BA1KA, Fan/BA1RB, Xiang/BD1CC and Liu/BG1DO, and they expect to land on the island October 2nd. The BI7DX team will be QRT on October 4th. QSL via Alan, BA1DU at: P.O.Box 8091, Beijing 100088, CHINA.
- **AS-147**. Taka, JR3TVH, will be active as **JR3TVH/8** from **Rishiri Island September 20-23rd**. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters CW/SSB. QSL via JR3TVH direct or via the bureau.
- EU-048. Francois, F5JNE, will be active from Belle Ile Island, September 25-26th. He will also try to activate one or two of the French castles on the island. Activity will be on 40/20 meters CW/SSB. Other reference items are: French Departments Award 56; French Provinces Award Brittany and DIFM AT 015 (French Metropolitan Islands Award). QSL direct or via the French REF bureau.
- **EU-093**. Look for Murcia (Costa Blanca & San Vincente) District members to activate **Tabarca Island**, **September 28-29th**. They will be active from several castles for the Spanish Castles Award. For more information, go to the Web page: http://www.qsl.net/ea5gqk/
- EU-109. Jim/G3RTE and John/G4CVC are planning to be active as GB4FI from

Longstone Island in the Farne Group, depending on weather, **September 21-22nd**. Their operating time will be limited at the present to daylight hours. Activity will be on both CW/SSB. QSL via G3SWH. ADDED NOTE: This operation is very much dependent upon the weather. If unsuccessful, they will attempt an operation in early 2003.

- EU-127. Hans/DL1YFF and Jochen/DH8IJ will be on the Island of **Helgoland** in the German Sea and will be active on Wednesday, **September 19-22nd**. They will work SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK. QSL via their homecalls.
- EU-172. Jakob, OZ7AEI, will be active as OZ7AEI/p from several Danish Islands, September 19th. All will be good for the Danish Islands Award and IOTA EU-172. He plans to be activate:

Thuro	(FY-016)	Langeland	(FY-019)
Tasinge	(FY-015)	Fyn	(FY-001)
Sio	(FY-021)		

Look for him in the early morning on/about the IOTA frequencies on 40/20/15 meters. QSL via his home callsign, direct or bureau.

- NA-217. Tony/WF1N and Lou/W1DIG had to cancel their trip to Appledore Island scheduled for September 20-23rd because of boat connection problems. They will not be able to be rescheduled in 2002.
- OC-066. (Update) Look for Kenji, JA4GXS and his XYL to be active as FO/JA4GXS and operating on 160-6 meters SSB and CW from Rangiroa Island between October 8-13th. Watch for him on 21260 and 14260 kHz +/- QRM. QSL via JA4GXS: Kenji Sasaki, 2-15, Ishikannon-cho, Yamaguchi-City, 753-0038 JAPAN.
- **SA-081**. Look for Colombian operators to activate **Isla del Morro**, **October 11-14th**. Callsigns to be used are: **HK8RQS/P**, **HK8HIX/P** and **HK8UUC/P**. QSL via EA5KB.

KH2, GUAM (Possibly KH0 also). Walt, KF2XN, will be active as **KH2/KF2XN** for at least **the next month**. Activity will be on most bands, depending on the propagation, mostly on SSB and during his spare time between his work assignment. Most of his activity last week was on/around 14270 kHz between 0645-0930z and after 1100z. QSLs for this operation should go to W2GR via the CBA: Mike Benjamin, 1064 99th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 USA. QSLs will be printed after his return to his home QTH. ADDED NOTE: Walt's assignment may get extend for 3 months, however at the moment this is not clear. Also, weekend hours of operation will be increased and will vary depending on propagation. LATE NOTE: Larry, N5FPW, informs OPDX that he talked to Walt this past Sunday morning on 20 meters and was told that Walt will be heading to Mariana Island (KH0) in 2 to 3 weeks for an "extensive operation".

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA (Double IOTA Operations). Glyn, GW0ANA, Team Manager of the KH8 DXpedition, provides OPDX with the following details and callsigns for their KH8 double IOTA DXpedition to Tutuila and Ofu Island:

- **Island of Tutuila** (IOTA **OC-045**) They will use the callsign **K8T** (KILO 8 TANGO). The operation starts on Tutuila on **October 28th** and ends **November 8th**. The QSL route for this IOTA QSO is only via Glyn, GW0ANA, and the address is in any callbook or on ORZ.com.

operation starts on Ofu on **October 29th** and ends **November 7th**. The time at Ofu may vary due to weather affecting flying conditions, but the team will do their best to give the deserving this island for as long as possible. The QSL route for this IOTA QSO is only via David, AH6HY, good in any callbook or QRZ.com

If any members of the DX community feel they would like to assist them in sponsorship, then your kindness would be very much appreciated.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. Jake, N6XIV, active as **N6XIV/KH9**, continues to be active on 20 meters between 14260 and 14270 kHz and generally between 0700 and 1000z. He has been notified that his stay on Wake Island has been extended to **October 4th**. QSL via K2FF.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operators Darrell/AB2E and John/K3TEJ will be active in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 23-24th)** as **WP2Z** and as a Multi/(?) entry. QSL WP2Z via KU9C. Activity before and after the contest, the operators will sign **KP2/homecall**. QSL to their home call.

LA DX GROUP WEB PAGE. Lech, LA7MFA, provides a Web page as an InterNet DX magazine with frequent updates with own articles, links to articles on the web, as well as other interesting links and info. He thought it would be of interest to at least the Danish and Swedish DXers and contesters, but they do have articles/links in English, too, which might be of interest to others. They have had articles by such known DXers like OH2BR, SM0AGD and LA1EE. The Web page can be found at: http://www.qsl.net/ladxg/

LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP ACTIVITY AND NEWS......

- The Peconic ARC, W2AMC, will be active from 1300z September 21st to 2000z September 22nd, to celebrate the Maritime Festival/Lightship Nantucket. Suggested frequencies are: 7270 and 14270 kHz. QSL via Peconic ARC, PO Box 113, Peconic, NY 11958.
- Look for special callsign **K4E** to be active **November 2-3rd** from **Egmont Key** (USI FL-014S, IOTA **NA-034**) and lighthouse (WLH LH-0426, ARLHS USA-269), located in **Hillsborough County, Florida**. Start time will be 1500z both days. Rain date for this operation will be November 9th. Operations will be on 80-10 meters, CW and SSB. The QSL Manager is John, KU4BT.
- Just a reminder that a group of operators plan to activate the rare grid square EN67 and the Copper Harbor Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-193) using the callsign K8B from September 21-23rd. A last minute note from the team reports: "All of the pieces are falling into place for next weekend's expedition. We will have a variety of wire antennas and a homebrew vertical for HF. The VHF antennas are as follows: 2m 20 element and 5 element beams, 6m 5 element beam and an end fed wire, 70 cm 30 element and 11 element beams. All stations will be operating with low power. In addition to the EN67 grid square we also will be giving out Copper Harbor Lighthouse US-193 and Keweenaw County, MI. We should be QRV on HF sometime by mid morning on September 21. The expedition will end on Monday, September 23rd." For more details, refer to OPDX.575 or the Brockway Mountain expedition Web page at: http://members.aol.com/nv8v/ QSL via NV8V.

OZ2ZB/p, **September 17th through 28th**, from several Danish Islands for the Danish Island Award. His activity schedule is as follows:

- September 17th Store Rotholm Island (EU-172, JY-013), 0800-0900z
- September 27th Hirsholm Island (EU-171, NJ-009) and Lighthouse (ARLHS DEN 067 / DLS 013), 1800-1900z
- September 28th Laesoe (EU-088, NK-003), 0600-0800z Borfeld (EU-088, NK-006), 1000-1100z Soendre Roenner (EU-088, NK-007), 1400-1500z

Knud may also activate a few more islands in the NK group depending on weather and time. Bands will be 20 and 15 meters (around 14260 and 21260 kHz). QSL via his home callsign, direct or bureau.

P4, ARUBA. John, KK9A, will be active as **P40A** during the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th)** as a Single Op/Single Band (20m) entry. John will also be active as **P40A** in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 23-24th)**, but as a Single Op/Single Band/QRP entry. QSL both operations via WD9DZV.

P5, NORTH KOREA. Bruce, KK5DO, reports on his Web that Ed, **P5/4L4FN**, has gotten the Hex Beam mounted atop the new mast with the rotor on September 14th. He reports a 3-4db difference compared to the vertical he has.

PIRATE ALERT. Save your green stamps. Station signing **ST0/ST2SA/p** was a **PIRATE** operation according to Sid, ST2SA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Mario, 4S7BRG, has changed his QSL information. The old route via HB9BRM is no longer valid. Cards should now be sent via the 4S bureau or via his the qrz.com address. He has now moved completely to Sri Lanka and has therefore no address in Switzerland any more. The records on qrz.com and Buckmaster are now updated. The QSL Manager will be removed in the near future.
- Jose, EA5MB, is reportedly the QSL Manager for Ali, **8Q7AM**, and a online log search is available on the Web at: http://webs.ono.com/usr002/ea5mb/
- Joe/JA4PXE/4 and Takeshi/JI3DST/4 were both active from Yashiro Island (AS-117) this past weekend. QSL via the following:
 - JA4PXE Joe S. Kuwahara, 1-74 Midorimachi Tokuyama-City,745-0075 JAPAN
 - JI3DST Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho Abeno-ku Osaka-City, Osaka 545-0021 JAPAN
- Vasilij, RW6HS, reports that he is the QSL Manager for the following stations: **UN7TO**, **UN9M**, **UT1EO** and **R0/UT1EO**.
- Andrew, ZS1AN, says he has received the QSL cards from the printer for his recent **ZS1AN/P** Dassen Island Lighthouse operation. He expects to reply to all cards received by the end of last weekend. He doesn't anticipate more than a one-week delay in replying to QSLs received from now on. For those who missed it earlier, the QSL address is: PO Box 350, Newlands 7725, South Africa. Please include a green stamp or IRC to cover return postage. You can see what the card looks like on his web site at: http://www.gsl.net/zs1an/dassen.html

SILENT KEY. It is sad to report that Murphy Ratterree, **W4WMQ**, the founder and first president of INDEXA, became a "Silent Key" on September 9th. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

SPECIAL EVENT. The Pearl River DX Association will be signing **W2WTC** through the **month of September**. They are honoring the **7 amateurs who were killed on September 11th**. They are expected to be on daily, usally between 1500-2100z or until the bands conditions dictate otherwise. Look for them on 14257, 18130 and 7252 kHz. QSL via the bureau or to the operator K2HJB or KA2NUE with a SASE.

SPECIAL EVENT. The National Weather Service of Germany, Deutscher Wetterdienst, is going to celebrate its 50th anniversary during the night of November 8th and 9th. A special cross-band event will take place between amateur radio stations and weather service's longwave transmitter DDH47 on 147.3 kHz from 2230z until 0530z. Amateur radio stations are encouraged to call DL0SWA/DDH47 on 3565, 7025 or 14052 kHz according to the announcement made by transmissions from DDH47. The crew of DL0SWA (Seewetteramt) will listen for callsigns on the above mentioned HF frequencies and reply on longwave 147.3 kHz and shortwave (7025, 1 watt). QSL cards will be printed and distributed after the event via DARC Bureau. Please visit the following Web page for more information at: http://www.dwd.de/de/wir/Geschaeftsfelder/Seeschifffahrt/Sendeplaene/Amateurfunk/

ST0, SUDAN. William, ZS5WC, is reportedly working in the Sudan and will be active as time permits. He was issued the callsign **ST0F**. He states that his equipment is an old FT7B, vertical loop or moxon beam, running only 20 to 30 watts. Look for him around or near 21300 kHz. QSL via his home callsign ZS5WC.

TI8, COSTA RICA. Operators Ed/K4QFF, Ron/K4WZ, William/K4WPM, Robert/WA4PUJ aand Dennis/WA4ZJJ will be active in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th)** as **TI8/K4QFF** and as a Multi/2 entry. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. QSL via K4QFF.

TM8, FRANCE. Be looking for the Clipperton DX Club to be active and signing **TM8CDX** on all bands during their annual meeting from **September 14-30th**. QSL via F5CQ.

USI ACTIVITY AND NEWS.....

• The Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society (LWARS), NZ5T, will be active **October 26th** starting at 1400z from The Island, Texas (USI TX-036L), located in Lake Whitney. Operation will be on 14250, 21290 and 28435 MHz SSB. QSL SASE via LWARS, POB 1181, Whitney, TX 76692.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. Just a reminder to look for the YL operators Elizabeth/VE7YL, June/VK4SJ, Mio/JR3MVF, Raija/SM0HNV and Gwen/VK3DYL to be active as VK9YL now through September 29th. QSL via VK3DYL: Gwen Tilson, 3 Gould Court, Mt. Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia. Send either direct with a SAE and sufficient return postage or via the VK3 Bureau. Any direct cards received without the above will be returned via the Bureau.

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XU, CAMBODIA. XU7ACJ (SSB) and **XU7ACN** (CW) are now active **until September 26th**. Operators Max/ON5UR, Wim/ON6NP and Karel/ON5TN were active this past weekend on 20/17/15/12/10 meters. QSL via ON6NP. Remember this group will try to activate **Koh Poah Island** (**AS-133**) as **XU7AUR**, **September 21-23rd**. QSL via ON5UR.

YM3, TURKEY. Mill, LX1CC, will operate as YM3CC from Izmir between September 13th and October 2nd. He will be active on all bands including the WARC bands, and most VHF/UHF bands using CW, SSB and FM. QSL to LX1CC via bureau or direct.

ZA, ALBANIA. Vlado, Z35M, informs OPDX that he plans to be active from here for the **next few years** as **ZA/Z35M**. Activity will be 80-10 meters on only CW and SSB, using an IC-745 with 100w into a G5RV 40m up (sloping to 20m). QSL only DIRECT to his home address: Vladimir Kovaceski, Box 10, Struga 6330, Macedonia. Vlado also mentions that in 2001, Z35M set "European Year QSO Record" with 43300 QSOs all in one year (single operator, one callsign, home station).

ZL9, CAMPBELL ISLAND. No, **ZL9BSJ** was not a pirate. Activity was by Wilbert, ZL2BSJ, who was active for a brief time on **September 12th**. "The Daily DX" reports that Wilbert is (was) currently in the area on work business and was ashore for a very brief time. The length of his stay was not mentioned, and he has not been heard since then. QSL via ZL2BSJ.

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